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Les Johnson et al.	§	
SERIAL NO.: 09/980,463	§	GROUP ART UNIT: 1712
	§	CONFIRMATION NO. 1425
FILED: 17 June 2002	§	CUSTOMER NO. 27452
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TITLE: Shear-Sensitive Plugging Fluid for Plugging and a Method for Plugging a Subterranean Formation Zone	§	EXAMINER: Philip C. Tucker

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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